As regards sugar, allotments to most of the States/UTs are based on the uniform norms. The allotment of sugar for Uttar Pradesh for the yaar 1990-91 was 651.05 thousand tonnes. As Uttar Pradesh is a direct allottee State, offtake figures are not maintained by the Central Government.

(d) Yes,Sir. It was reported in September/October, 1991 that the allocation of foodgrains to Garhwal area had been reduced by the State Government.

(e) While allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool to the various States/UTs are meant for the State as a whole and distribution within the State, including its coverage and scale of issue to the consumers is decided by the State Government, the allocation of wheat to the State has been increased by 5000 tonnes in October, 1991 and 10,000 tonnes in November, 1991. Similarly the allocation of rice to the State has been increased form 27,500 tonnes in June, 1991 to 30,000 tonnes in July, 1991 and to 35,000 tonnes for August-October, 1991. For November, 1991 the allocation has been made at the level of 40,000 tonnes.

Distribution of kerosene through Public Distribution System

179. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distribution of kerosene oil through Public Distribution System in Delhi involves corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of black marketing of kerosene oil registered during the last two years; and

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding irregular distribution of kerosene oil and the number of cases registered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Whenever complaints about malpractices in the distribution of kerosene oil are received, they are enquired into by the Delhi Administration. Complaints generally relate to non issue of kerosene oil to card holders, short measurement, misbehavior of retailers and diversion of kerosene oil meant for Public Distribution System.

(c) Delhi Administration has lodged 26 First Information Report (FIR) for violation of the Control Order.

(d) 312 complaints were received during this year and in 23 cases, FIRs were registered.

[*English*]

Proposal to establish a National Edible Oil Grid

180. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to establish a National Edible Oil Grid to root out black marketing and corruption in the field; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is planning for creation of a National Oil Grid linking production centres with consumers centre so as to reduce the influence and adverse impact of

speculative forces that arise from regional and seasonalsupply and demand gaps. Tha formation of a National Oil Grid involves three major elements: (i) creation of storage capacity at strategic locations; (ii) establishing a national network of packaging stations; and (iii) developing an economical transport system to move oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones.

Urban Rent Control and Tenancy Acts

181. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that urban rent control and tenancy acts are too much biased to favour of the tenants and as a result thereof a high percentage of housing units continue to b kept vacant and lia unused;

(b) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken and whether any exercise towards rationalisation of these laws has been made/is processed to be made in respect of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and other metropolises; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Government is aware of the adverse effect of rent control legislation on the increased supply of rental housing. Rent control is a State subject and States are fully competent to enact suitable legislation to control various aspects of rental housing. The Central Govt. is formulating a model Rent Control Bill for adoption by different States with appropriate changes to suit local conditions.

Launching of Dehoarding Drive

182. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MUNDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dehoarding drive was launched in Delhi in October this year;

(b) if so, the number of raids made in connection with the drive; and

(c) the details of the commodities unearthed and dehoarded as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). During October, 1991, 147 raids were conducted by the Enforcement/Anti-Hoarding Branch of the Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of Delhi Administration.

(c) The following commodities were unearthed as a result of these raids:-

i) Wheat	221.63 Qtls
ii) Rice	8.75 Qtls.
iii) Kerosene Oil	1202 litres.

Besides these, two tankers with 16,000 liters of Kerosene Oil/M.T.O were also apprehended.

[*Translation*]

Recommendation of Committee of N.C.R

183. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: